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Application No.: 09/987,487	)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING	)	
METHOD FOR MANAGING	:	
EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT	)	
MANAGING PROGRAM,	:	
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING	)	
EQUIPMENT MANAGING	:	
PROGRAM, AND EQUIPMENT	)	
MANAGING METHOD	:	May 29, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, as is a copy of an Office Action issued on March 27, 2007, in the counterpart Japanese application.

For the concise statement of relevance of the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying abstracts.

Each of the documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an office action in any foreign counterpart of this application, in the mentioned Office Action dated March 27, 2007.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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